Amendment No. 1 to HB2128

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1775*

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By deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-207, is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision thereto:

(7) Any employee who has received unemployment benefits shall not be entitled to temporary total disability benefits for the same weeks during which such employee received unemployment benefits.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 50-6-237(c), is amended by deleting the second sentence its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Parties entering into the benefit review conference process are required to mediate in good faith. Each party must be prepared to consider offers made by the other party. When a specialist determines that a party is not prepared to mediate as required or believes a party is not mediating in good faith, the specialist shall include comments to that effect in the report of the proceeding. Failure to comply with this section shall subject the party or their representative to a civil penalty of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5000).

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.